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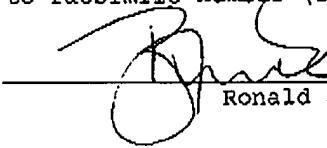
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2008. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejections in the Final Action are requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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